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## Interagency News Release

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### **Increased Fire Activity on the Moss Ridge Complex**

**Jackson, Wyo.:** A cloud of smoke was noticeable from Jackson yesterday as activity on the fires in the Moss Ridge Complex increased during the afternoon. Collectively, the fires grew about five hundred acres. The greatest activity was observed on the Moss Ridge Fire as it burned another 200 acres spreading to the west and the east. The Moss Ridge Complex now totals 3,085 acres and includes the Falcon (70 acres) and Elk Ridge (.2 acre) fires in Grand Teton National Park, the Hominy Fire (65 acres) on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest and the Moss Ridge (2,700 acres) and Bobcat (250 acres) fires on the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

In addition, the Moss Pacific Fire (.2 acre), located 3 miles northeast of the Pacific Creek Trailhead in the Teton Wilderness, was added to the complex yesterday after fire managers determined that it was started by lightning and could also be managed for natural resource benefits.

Wayne Cook's Northern Rockies Interagency Fire Use Management Team is working in conjunction with the Bridger-Teton and Caribou-Targhee National Forests and Grand Teton National Park to manage these fires under a wildland fire use strategy that allows some naturally started fires to burn in designated areas according to land management plans. Other agencies represented by the forty personnel currently assigned to the complex are: Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service.

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For public safety, the following closures are in effect in the Teton Wilderness:

- \* **Moss Lake Trail**, beginning at the junction with Pacific Creek Trail #3036 and ending at the junction with Lava Creek Trail #3039.
- \* **Pacific Creek Trail #3036**, beginning at the junction with Moss Lake Trail, continuing northeast to the junction with Mink Creek Trail #3043
- \* **Enos Creek Cutoff Trail** beginning at the junction with Pacific Creek Trail #3036 and ending at the junction with Lava Creek Trail #3039.
- \* **Lava Creek Trail #3039**, beginning at the junction with Box Creek Trail #3038 southwest approximately 2 miles southwest of the Moss Creek Trail.

All other trails in the Teton Wilderness remain open and are posted with fire information advisories. Visitor and recreation services in Jackson Hole and the surrounding area are not affected by this fire and smoke concentrations in the area remain low.

Fire Information Officers are posting updates at trailheads and popular visitor locations to keep people informed about the fires. Additional information can be found by visiting the website [www.tetonfires.com](http://www.tetonfires.com) or by calling Grand Teton National Park at (307) 739-3300, the Bridger-Teton National Forest at (307) 739-5500 or the Caribou-Targhee National Forest at (208) 524-7500.

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